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Sir:

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It is respectfully requested that the information cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

The information identified on the attached form PTO-1449 was cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in prior application Serial No. <u>08/311,050</u> filed on <u>September 23, 1997</u> relied upon for a filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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